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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: McCormack welcomed to Supreme Court in investiture

"New Justice Bridget Mary McCormack was praised for her legal scholarship and character at her investiture ceremony at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing [on Wednesday].... McCormack, who was elected to the Supreme Court in November 2012, was previously a law professor and associate dean at the University of Michigan Law School."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

Justice McCormack praised, welcomed to Supreme Court in investiture

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Ex-Michigan justice's fitness to practice faces challenge; State AG challenges Hathaway's fitness for job after fraud charge

"Attorney General Bill Schuette is questioning whether former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway should be able to practice law after she settles a felony bank fraud charge."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Hathaway probe sought (fifth article)

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

MLive.com: Attorney General Bill Schuette targets former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway's law license

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Charges against Macomb County grandma changed in 4-year-old's drowning

"Macomb County prosecutors amended the charges Thursday against a grandmother accused of drowning her 4-year-old grandson three years ago. Terry Borgia, 63, will face felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter during a trial that is scheduled to start March 5 in Macomb County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Charges adjusted against Macomb grandmother in boy's drowning

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: 4th Macomb trial set for grandmother accused of drowning grandson

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Neglect case against Detroit mother accused in 8-year-old's death to go to trial in March

"The neglect case against a Detroit mother, who also has been charged in her daughter's killing, will go to trial in March. Semeria Greene, 26, is facing murder and child abuse charges in the death of 8-year-old Tamera Greene last month."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Auditor says children's ombudsman lacks access to crucial state files

"Eight years after the state Legislature passed a law requiring the Department of Human Services to give a children's ombudsman access to its computer systems, it still hasn't happened, according to an auditor general's report released Friday."

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Our View: Troubling crimes point to need for domestic violence courts

"... Gov. Rick Snyder recently said he favors more 'alternative' court systems directed to treat specific addictions. Bay County has implemented courts that deal with alcohol and substance abuse-fueled crimes. Saginaw County also has a drug court. The time may be at hand for the creation of specific courts to deal with issues of domestic violence. That could make men and women who commit domestic violence more accountable long term."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Reporter/Coldwater: Public defender's contract approved

"After Branch County Circuit Judge Bill O'Grady asked to address the issue, the Branch County Commission Tuesday approved a new public defender's contract in a 4-1 vote. Only Commissioner Dale Swift asked that the matter be tabled for more discussion at another work session."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Student hurt in chemistry class can't sue teacher

"A student whose chest and face were burned during chemistry class can't sue a Detroit-area teacher who lit a dish of alcohol and copper chloride, the Michigan appeals court said Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: At the helm: Familiar look at the top of RESTORE Foundation

"... [L]ess than a month after retiring from the [Oakland County] Circuit Court bench, Judge Edward Sosnick has accepted a different role with the [juvenile] drug court, agreeing to serve as director of The RESTORE Foundation, a nonprofit organization created in 2008 to help supply funding for the treatment program."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Duly Noted: Warner Norcross opens Midland

"To better serve the needs of clients in the Great Lakes Bay Region, the law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP will open a new office in Midland in the first quarter of 2013.... Midland County's Chief Trial Court and Circuit Judge Jonathan E. Lauderbach plans to step down from the bench to join the firm."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Grand Rapids-based law firm Warner Norcross & Judd setting up shop in Midland

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Courts, consolidation, conducting research on the agenda for Portage Public Safety Director Richard White (Live chat recap)

"Portage Public Safety Director Richard White visited the MLive/Kalamazoo Gazette hub on Wednesday to live chat with police reporters Rex Hall and Aaron Mueller. White became Portage's police chief in November 1995 and served in that capacity until September 2011 when he was named director of the Portage Department of Public Safety, which was created through the consolidation of Portage's police and fire departments."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Parsons named chief of 84th District Court

"The Michigan Supreme Court has named Charles R. Parsons as chief judge of the 84th District Court, which serves Missaukee and Wexford counties in northern lower Michigan. Parson's term as chief judge expires Dec. 31, 2013."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Jane Bashara murder: Sentencing of handyman killer Joseph Gentz delayed

"The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office announced today that Joseph Gentz, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the strangling death of Grosse Pointe Park's Jane Bashara, will be sentenced March 1 at 9 a.m. before Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: One year after Jane Bashara's murder, husband maintains he was not involved as handyman claims

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Scam in Muskegon County telling citizens they missed jury duty, owe fines

"Officials are warning of a scam targeting Muskegon County residents that claims they owe fines for missing jury duty. A statement released by the sheriff, prosecutor and county clerk says that they have received 'numerous' complaints from individuals who have received phone calls or emails indicating they must pay \$500 or face 30 days in jail."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Peg West: MLive/Muskegon Chronicle doesn't cover courts like I used to -- and that's a good thing

"Courtrooms in Muskegon and Oceana counties were particularly busy this week with newsworthy cases, and our staffers fanned out to bring you the words and images from these often wrenching cases."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: State high court makes appointment to Attorney Grievance Commission

"Attorney Valerie R. White of Hillsdale has been appointed to the Attorney Grievance Commission by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court announced Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Valerie White of Hillsdale appointed to Attorney Grievance Commission

[Press release](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court says deer defense won't work in wreck

"A deer defense has failed for an Iosco County man who was convicted of a wreck that injured two passengers.... But the Michigan appeals court this week says one of the passengers didn't see a deer, and the investigating officer says a deer was never mentioned."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Tuscola County announces new deputy court administrator, Friend of the Court director

"Kim D. Glaspie, chief judge of Michigan's 54th Circuit Court, has appointed Adam D. Pavlik as deputy court administrator for the Tuscola County Courts.... Also, the Tuscola County Judicial Council has named Sandy Erskine as Friend of the Court director."

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